

SACRIFICE

A temple in Tippera

*(Enters GUNAVATI, the
Queen.)*

Gunavati

Have I offended thee, dread
Mother?
Thou grantest children to the
beggar
woman, who sells them to
live, and
to the adulteress, who kills
them to
save herself from infamy,
and here
am I, the Queen, with all the
world
lying at my feet, hankering
in vain
for the baby-touch at my
bosom, to
feel the stir of a dearer life
within my
life, What sin have I
committed,
Mother, to merit this,—to be
banished
from the mothers' heaven ?